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TO A DRUNKEN HUSBAND

My husband 'twas for thee I left My own, my happy home; For thee I left my cottage bowers, With thee in joy to roam; And where are all the holy vows,

The truth, the love, the trust, That won my heart—all scattered now And trampled in the dust,

I loved thee with a love untold.

And when I stood beside Thy noble form, I joyed to think
I was thy chosen bride.
They told me, ere I was thine own,

How and my lot would be; I thought not of the future then— I only thought of thee I left my home, my happy home,

A sunny-hearted thing,
Forgetting that my happiness
A shuddowing cloud might bring.
The sunny side of life is gone, Its shadows only mine. And thorns are springing in my heart, Where blossoms used to twine.

I do not blame thee for thy lot. I only pray for thee, That thou may'st from the tempter's powe (O, loyful thought!) he free;
That thou may'st hend above my grave,
With penitence sincere;
And for the broken hearted one
Let fail a sober tear.

The graceful and the beautiful. The gentle, kind, and sire,
The gentle, kind, and sire,
Together met, to mould the form,
And gift the mind of Mary;
There's nature in each careless curl, In every grace a moral; ler mouth—'tis Cupid's mouth-sweet girl, And full of pearls and coral!

She's like the key-stone to an arch That consumates all beauty; She's like the music to a march, Which sheds a joy on duty! All happy thoughts and feelings rife Seem ever more to guide her;

The very ills and cares of life Forget themselves beside her! Each sweet expressive glance appears, Of nature's best selection; It took the world six thousand years

To perfect such perfection!
All gifts divine that could combine,
All charms of nymph or fairy,
Agreed to grace one beauteous face,
And witch the world with Mary!

She speeds as if with wings, so fleet
No birds could e're surpass them,
Yet none can ever spy her feet.
Though 'tis believed she has them!
She lends a spell to every scene,
Her step makes winter vernal;
A something half divine, between
The earthly and eternal!

SLANDER.

The flying rumors gathered as they rolled; Scarce any tale was sooner heared than told; And all who told added something new, And all who heard it made enlargoments, too; On every ear it spread—on every tongue it gre

Miscellaneous.

CLARA LELAND

THE TORY'S DEFEAT.

BY "CROQUILL."

"Your excellency, Dave Watson and his Tory gang have burned Mr. Leland's dwelling, and carried himself and family

Such were the startling words of a rough, uncouth countryman, as he rushed past the sentinel stationed at the entrance, into the private apartment of General Putnam, who at that time was in command of a portion of the American army.

The person who had made so unceremonious an entrance, had evidently come in the greatest of haste as the perspiration Two squares, three months 600 breathing was short and difficult. Drawing a soiled and well-worn cotton handker-chief from his pocket, he proceeded to wipe One half of a column, three months ... 20 00 gathered on his lace, and this done, he seated himself in a chair standing near.—

""" six months ... 20 00 seated himself in a chair standing near.—

""" twelve months ... 20 00 detailed himself in a chair standing near.—

At these words, the person whom he addressed leaped to his feet, and in a voice that attested the interest that he took in what was being related, exclaimed;

"Dave Watson, again! when did this take place!"

"Last night, sir."
"And you offered no resistance?" "We did, but the villians were too nu-

merous for us; Williams, Parker, and a number of others arrived just as they were securing their captives, but they had ten men to our one, and resistance proved unavailing."

"Confusion to them! can we never ride the country of this nest of tories? Where is Lieutenant Milton: methinks he has a right to protect the fair Clara, for if report speaks the truth, he is the favored one." "Sentinel!"

"Your pleasure, sir?" "Go call Lietenant Milton. Tell him my business is urgent."

Bowing respectfully, the guard withdrew upon his errand; and while he is gone, describe a little more minutely the person he is in quest of.

Ralph Milton was a young Lieutenan

tion of his superiors, and at the time of which we write, he was enjoying the fullest confidence of his commander. General Putnam was correct in his supposition of the young Lieut, being the favored one, for Clara Leland had promised to bestow her hand on the young solder as soon as the great contest should terminate, and both were waiting patiently for the time to come that would render them both happy for life. But everything looked discouraging, for since the defeat of the American forces at Brandywine, a settled gloom pervaded the hearts of the American people. And this could not be wondered at, for besides reinforcements arriving to succor their enemies, their own country people were turning against them. This was the state of affairs at the time of our

Ere long the sentinel re-entered the room followed by a young man of about twenty-five years of age. His features were regular in their outline, and would convey to the stranger's mind an idea of the nobleness of nature which their owner possessed. He was dressed in the uniform of an American officer, and he bowed respectfully to his superior in command, and removing his hat, stood awaiting the pleasure of his General.

"Lieutenant Milton, I have a mission for you to execute, and if report is to be credited you will not find it an unpleasant one. I have just learned from our friend here, that the notorious tory leader. Dave Watson, has been executing some of his cowardly work upon the person and property of a man whom, if I mistake not, you would be anxious to shield from harm. According to the statement Watson with about fifty of his gang proceeded to the dwelling of Mr. Leland, fired the house and carried the old gentleman with his wife and daughter away to some of their secret hidings. Now what I wish of you is to rescue our old friend even if you follow this fiend in human shape to the end of the earth .-Now I do not doubt your skill in this matter, but be cautious, for one false step might ruin all. Choose any number of men you may need, and proceed upon your work as

soon as you please.' "The young Lieutenant's features paled quickly as the startling words fell upon his of the other. ear, and turning to the messenger, who was looking on with a puzzled air, he exclaim-

"Did you notice the direction the party

"Yes sir, to the northward towards the river." "They should have been followed."

"That was impossible, as they were mounted on the best of steeds, while we

were on foot." It did not take long for our hero to arrange his plans, and with a speed that showed he was no novice in the matter he had undertaken, he had about thirty picked his lips, Watson seized his hat and rushed men well armed and mounted ready for

the pursuit.

"How many did you say there were of them?" questioned Ralph Milton of his

sion of kindness, we will speak of a matter dense forest.

cient service for his country as others of his co-laborers he was at heart friendly with the Colonists—and many a time had at a pretty good speed; if not they cannot a patriot fugitive fleeing from the King's be far from us," soldiers, sought refuge beneath the friendly "List!" spoke

wife, und an only daughter. A lovely creature was Clara Leland!—just eighteen —it would be hard to find a more fitting curls falling gracefully over a neck of grounds with the disparity of our number silken lashes, added to a finely proportioned form, made her beauty of the most perfect order. She had been the pet of an indulgent mother, and was perfectly had been a few minutes before. It was an indulgent mother, and was perfectly had been a few minutes before. It was adored by a doting father, and although evident that they either did not fear, or always had her own way, her affection for considered themselves entirely free from attention was suddenly aroused by the ap-

daughter in the land. couple of young men, one named Ralph the night. Milton, and the other David Watson.—
Both were good looking, and belonged to the first families in the neighborhood: but the two petticoats we took!" exclaimed one itself—generous hearted, frank and manly had gathered around. in disposition—he was beloved by his in the American army; he had entered as a private soldier; but his well timed bravery during battle had raised him in the estimadwelling of Mr. Leland, and although of a score of well aimed rifles. his company could easily have been dispensed with by Clara, she did not wish to make him an enemy by making a decided show of her dislike, for as yet the vindic-could recover from the first shock of the atple and Great Britain arose, it gave free ly their equals in number.

scope to his cowardly nature, fearfully notorious, and he was known to ing boughs of the fearfully notorious, and he was known to ing boughs of the trees.

But the tory leader had seen and rethis purpose in view, he directed his steps hilt in his already disgraced heart. towards the sturdy old whig's home.

"Miss Leland, I came here for the purose of honoring you with an offer of my for their friends. heart, hand and fortune without the least

When Watson commenced speaking Clara was intending to give him a mild but decided refusal; when he came to the last clause, the comicality of the thing caused a smile to appear upon her features,

"Miss Leland is pleased to be merry at my expense?" exclaimed he, endeavoring to suppress the chagrin he felt. "And as my company does not seem to be agree- to unite us?" able, I will take my leave, but not without

"Do so, by all means!" returned Clara, who thought he intended exactly the reed his anger in some harmless manner.-"Of course we shall always be pleased to was wedded to the man of her choice.

as has already been told, he, with a numranger guide.

"Fifty, or there-abouts," was the anof Mr. Leland after the family had retired ba, to a daughter of the venerable ex-

"Oh! never mind the small difference in came from out of the doomed dwelling, they number!" broke in an old trooper. "One prevented them from leaving the spot until good whig is a match for six tories, make they should become aware that their once the best of them."

And with a light laugh at the old soldier's jest the party moved towards the spot designated by the messenger. And while the little band of patriots are on their missing of his large and particles are on their missing of his large are miller and of the last one of t

dense forest.

We left Ralph Milton and his party moving rapidly in the direction to which the tory gang had been seen to go. Not a word or sound passed the lips of the little band of whigs, and their horses needed no extra urging, for they seemed hardly to touch the gold and seed without being obliged to labor for his maintenance. In the beginning of the trouble between the mother country and the colemies, he had readily espoused the cause them? questioned our hero of the honest of Napoleon's career, when at its zenith, is full of romantic adventures as connected with the history of the officers' lives that served under the great captain. He was quick to observe merit and prompt to reward it, and this it was that made his followers so devoted to him, and serve their knowledge of the fact that everything depended upon their own strong limbs.

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nies, he had readily espoused the cause of the patriots and although his advanced age would deter him from doing as efficient service for his country as others of client service for his country as others.

"List" spoke the young leader in a low of promotion had been won by the stroke roof of the Leland's, and thus succeeded deep voice; "Heard you not the distant of his sabre; and his fast promotion from

silent for some time; when the low rum-bling sound of horses' hoofs reached the ears of the listening patriot band. Mr. Leland's household consisted of his bling sound of horses' hoofs reached the "It's them!" exclaimed Milton in a low

hurried tone. "Let each man secrete himsubject for the artists pencil. Jet black self; it will not do to meet them upon equal snowy whiteness, rosy cheeks, and an eye —we must let them pass by, and then that looked roguishly from beneath their overpower them by means of a surprise du--we must let them pass by, and then

her parents was as strong as that of any any pursuing; for they immediately selected a good convenient spot and commenced She had become acquainted with a making preparations for encamping through

here all similarity between the two ceased. of the party to their leader, after the camp Ralph Milton was a picture of nobleness fire had been lighted, and the whole group

"I can attend to my own affairs without friends, and could not but be respected by any of your assistance!" retorted the other alarm being given, there was a violent an enemy, while David Watson was ex- in an angry tone. But he had hardly finactly the opposite; of naturally a cowardly ished his not very courteous reply, when disposition, he possessed not one of those the group were startled by a vivid sheet ennobling qualities that belongs to the true hearted. He was a frequent visitor to the which was instantly followed by the report

But such a contest could not last long, He collected together a number of law- for it was almost an impossibility for the less characters, for the avowed purpose of attacked party, taken as they were entirely helping to quell the rebellion which was off their guard, to make anything like a showing itself in different parts of the colo- successful stand against the furious charge inc. "Have you never heard of the Irish nies, but this was only a pretext to cloak of their asailants, and soon more than half his real objects, for soon the name of the tory leader, "David Watson," became forest, seeking protection of the over-hang-countenance, its hideous aspect killed his

ever disgraced a country, or made the least cognized Ralph Milton and knowing pretentions to humanity. He had hoped him to be his successful rival, determined o keep his proceedings from the Leland to have sweet revenge for the fancied in-to the contrary," replied the enraptured amily, since he did not wish to be disfamily, since he did not wish to be dis-graced in the eyes of Clara; but fearful raised high above his head, he made a pass had never felt before—he was already in that time might not add anything to be de- for the other's heart. But he had reck- love. sired to his character, he determined to oned without his host, for he had not his bring matters to an end, by making an of-fer of his hand to Miss Leland, and with patriot leader's steel was burried to the

wards the sturdy old whig's home. The contest was now decided; for the His call for admittance was answered few tories who had until now remained to by Clara herself, and he was invited to assist their leader seeing him fall, quickly come in, an invitation that he was not loth followed the example of their fellows and soon put a safe distance between them and his former places of amusement, avoid-Everything was arranged as he would their victorious enemies. The attack en- his military companions; and in short is as have desired; Mr. Leland was engaged in ding thus favorably to the victors, search miserable as a lover can well be, thus disout-of doors work, and Mrs. Leland was busily employed in another room. After prisoners. It did not take long to find left his hotel, on foot, a figure muffled to quite a number of hows, and other like demonstrations of "great pleasure in seeing and Mrs. Leland and their daughter, fol-Miss Leland in the enjoyment of good lowed by the uninjured party of Amerihealth," he took the proffered chair and cans, were moving away from the scene of the recent conflict; leaving the remnant of the defeated band to come back and care

Clara Leland was sitting by a window in her father's house, a new one having been erected upon nearly the same site of one before, when the door opened, and a young man dressed in the costume of an-American officer, entered. He advanced which she could not conceal from the eyes rather timidly towards her, and seating himself by her side, and taking her hand

within his, said:
"Dear Clara, now that the war has ended, when shall the happy day be that is

The maiden blushed deeply, but her assuring you that I shall make another answer was not sufficiently distinct to reach call soon." within a few months from the time the above conversation occurred, there were verse from what he said, and only express-ed his anger in some harmless manner.— house of Mr. Leland, and Clara Leland

the marriage of Carlos E. Worrell, of Cuput fire to it, and as fast as their victions Vice President George M. Dalhas.

THE CAVALRY OFFICER,

THE WHITE SATIN DOMINO.

BY LIEUTENANT MURRAY.

of Napoleon's staff. He was a soldier in the true sense of the word-devoted to his very handsome, and of fine bearing, he was of humble birth-a mere child of the camp, and had followed the drum and buin eluding their pursuers, for never in one tramp of horsemen?"

Each man bent his ear, and remained major of cavalry was for a gallant deed which transpired on the battle field beneath good taste and natural instinct had not led him to acquire before.

> It was the carnival season in Paris, and young Merville found himself at the masked ball in the French Opera House. Better adapted in his taste to the field than the boudoir, he flirts but little with the gay figpearance of a person in a white satin domino, the universal elegance of whose figure, manner and bearing, convinced all that her face and mind must be equal to her person

in grace and loveliness. Though in so mixed an assembly, still there was a dignity and reserve in the manner of the white domino that rather repulsed the idea of a familiar address, and it was sometime before the young soldier found courage to speak to her. rush of the throng towards the door, where, unless assisted, the lady would have materially suffered. Eugene Mervill offers his arm, and with his broad shoulders and stout frame wards off the danger. It was

ivating.

"Ah, lady, pray raise that mask, and reveal to me the charms of feature that in a few days; it is once more the carnival whenever we hear it remarked, "Such lady her reveal a lady has reversible for the carnival and lady has reversi

"No, I am sure not." "Are you confident?"

"Yes. I feel that you are beautiful .-It cannot be otherwise."
"Don't be too sure of that," said the dompoet Moore's story of the veiled prophet

shall not turn out a veiled prophet of Khorassan?" "Ah, lady, your every word convinces

beloved one?-How do you know that I

She eludes his efforts at discovery, but permitted him to hand her to her carriage, which drives off in the darkness, and though he throws himself upon his fleetest horse, he is unable to overtake her.

The young colonel becomes moody; he has lost his heart; and knows not what to do. He wanders hither and thither, shuns

"Well, monsieur, what would you with me?" asked the soldier. "You would know the name of the white domino?" was the reply.
"I would indeed!" replied the officer has

tily. "How can it be done?" "Follow me."
"To the end of the earth if it will bring

me to her." "But you must be blindfolded." "Very well." "Step into this vehicle."

"I am at your command."

And away rattled the young soldier and his strange companion. "This may be a trick," reasoned Eugene Merville, "but I have no fear of per- managed this delicate intrigue, and had tessonal violence. I am armed with this ted him, and now gave him her wealth, ti- necessary to prevent actual starvation in

But there was no cause for fear, since he soon found the vehicle had stopped, and he ris. Napoleon, to crown the happiness of was led blindfolded into the house. When his favorite, made Col. Merville at once the bandage was removed from his eyes he found himself in a richly furnished boudoir, and before him stood the domino just as he had met her at the masked ball. With a curse of disappointment upon his lips, Watson seized his hat and rushed from the house, vowing within himself to re-pay the cruel insult he had received.

And he fulfilled his vow to the latter, for as has already have told he with a most of the Philadelphia. Some already have told he with a most of fall upon his knees and tell her how much he had thought of her since their separation, that his thoughts had never left her, that he loved her devotedly, was as natural as to breathe, and did so most gallantly and sincerely.

"Shall I believe all you say?" "Lady, let me prove it by any test you may put upon me.

Know then that the feelings you arow

are mutual. Nay, unloose your arm from my waist. I have something more to

"Talk on forever lady? Your voice is nusic to my heart and ears."

masked!" he replied.

have professed, and I will be yours—as tru-ly as Heaven shall spare my life."

"Nay, lady, I shall fulfil your injunc

not hear from me, then the contract shall take a pride in doing it punctually and be null and void. Take this half ring," well—and would feel ashamed to be told. broken portion I will be yours,"

nor could he by any possible means discover where he had been; his companion rejecting all bribes, and refusing to answer the simplest questions.

Months rolled on. Col. Merville istrue to his vow, and happy in the anticipation of love. Suddenly he was ordered on an embassay to Vienna, that gayest of all European capitals, about the time Napole-European capitals, about the time Napoles on is planning to marry the Arch Duchess Maria Louisa. The young Colonel is handsome, manly, and already distinguished in arms, and becomes at once a great favorite at court, every effort being made favorite at court every effort being made favorite at court every effort being made favorite at court every every effort being made favorite at court every eve by the women to captivate him, but in vain; he is constant and true to his vow.

But his heart was not made of stone the very fact that he had entertained such tender feelings for the white domino, had doubtless made him more susceptible than before. At last he met the young Baroness Caroline Walderff, and in spite of his what she believes to be his devotion, and word, and it was sacred!

before at the French Opera House in Pa-

ris. Was it not fancy!

upon his arm.

amazed soldier. "Come follow me, and you shall see that it is reality," continued the mask pleasantly.

"I will." "Have you been faithful to your promise?" asked the domino, as they retired into a neighboring saloon. "Most truly in act, but alas, I fear not in

ture. "Indeed." "It is too true, lady, that I have seen and loved another, though my vow to you has kept me from saying so to her."

"And who is this that you thus love?" "I will be frank with you and you will keep my secret?" "Most religiously."

"It is the Baroness Von Waldorff," he id, with a sigh. "And you really love her?"

"Alas too dearly," said the soldier sad "Nevertheless, I must hold you to you promise; here is the other half of the ring; can you produce its mate?"

"Here it is," said Eugene Merville. "Then I too keep my promise!" said the domino, raising her mask, and showing to his astonished view the face of the Baroness Von Waldorff?"

"Ah, it was the sympathy of true love that attracted me after all," exclaimed the young soldier as he pressed her to his She had seen and loved him for his manly spirit, and having found by inquiry that he was worthy of her love, she had

trusty sabre, and can take care of my-They were married with great pomp and accompanied the arch-duchess to Pa his favorite, made Col. Merville at once

General of a division. It is said the Treasury of the State of Missouri at the close of the year, had on hand the handsome surplus sum of about \$400,000.

Small-pox is said to be fearfully on the increase at Cincinnati, as it is in several other sections of the Country.

The Pacific Railroad is complete to Washington, on the Missouri river.

Be brisk, energetic, and prompt! The world is full of boys, (and men too.) who drawl through life, and never decide on any thing for themselves—but just draggle "Would you marry me, knowing no one leg after the other, and let things take more of me than you now do?" "Yes, if you were to go to the very altar their own way. Such people are the dull stuff of the earth. They hardly deserve "Then I will test you."

"How lady?"

"For one year be faithful to the love you ave professed, and I will be yours—as truey as Heaven shall spare my life."

"O cruel, cruel suspense!"

"You demur."

sum of the earth. They hardly deserve as much credit as the wooden trees; for trees do all the good they can, in mearly growing and bearing leaves and seeds. But these draggling boys do not turn their capacities to profit, half as they might be turned; they are unprofitable, like a rainy day in harvest time. Now, the brisk, energetic boy is constantly awake, not merely

ergetic boy is constantly awake, not merely with his bodily eyes but with his mind and ons as I promised."

"If at the expiration of a year you do After he learns what he has to do, he will she continued, "and when I supply the what he ought to do without telling. The broken portion I will be yours,"

He kissed the little emblem, swore again and again to be faithful, and pressing her boy never has to be taught twice—but strains hand to his lips, bade her adieu.

He was conducted away again as mysteriously as he had been brought thither,

Third-rate boys are always depending upon others; but first-rate boys depend upon themselves, and after a little teaching, just enough to know what is to be done, they ask no further favors of any body. Besides its a glorious thing for a boy to get this noble way of self reliance, activity and energy. Such an one is worth a hundred of the poor draggling creatures, who can hardly wash their own hands without being told, each time how it is to be done. Give me

Good Advice to Young Women.

under his heels.

Trust not to uncertain riches, but prepare yourselves for every emergency in life.— Learn to work and not be dependent upon servants; make your own bread; sweep vows she captivates him, and he severely your own floors and darn your own stock-curses the engagement he had so blindly legs. Above all things, do not esteem too made at Paris. She seems to wonder at lightly those honorable young men who sustain themselves and their aged parents yet the distance that he maintains. The by the work of their own hands, while you truth was, that his sense of honor was so care for, and receive into your company, great, though he felt he really loved the those lazy popinjays who never lift a finyoung Baroness, and even that she return- ger to help themselves, so long as they can ed his affection, still he had given his keep body and soul together, and get suffivord, and it was sacred! cient to live in fashion. If you are wise The satin domino is no longer the ideal you will look at this subject as we do, and. of his heart, but assumes the most repul- when you are old enough to become wives, a delightful moment; the lady spoke the purest French; was witty, fanciful and capable loafer, with a capital of ten thousand

the opportunity of showing itself. But when the difficulties between his own people and Great Britain arose, it gave free domino steals before him, in the same white men, remember this, and instead of soundsatin dress he had seen her wear a year ing the purse of your lovers, and examining the cut of their coat, look into their habits and hearts. Mark if they have "I come, Col. Eugene Merville, to hold trades and can depend on themselves; see you to your promise," laying a hand lightly if they have minds which will lead them to look above a butterfly existence. Talk "Is this reality or a dream?" asked the not of the beautiful white skin and soft delicate hand-the splendid form, and the fine appearance of the young gentleman. Let not those considerations throng your

thoughts. ROYAL TENDERNESS .- The Emperor of China has reproved the sheriffs for strangling the wrong subjects by mistake and requests them not to do so in fu-

EITHER WAY .- "Will you have me?" said a young man to a modest little girl. "No John," said she, "but you may have me if you will." A joint resolution has passed both

Houses of Congress, authorizing the Pres-

ident to confer the Brevet title of Lieuten-

ant General upon Gen. Scott, for eminent military services. A LARGE CIRCULATION .- The proprietor of the New York Sun in bidding for the city advertising makes affidavit that the

daily circulation in the City of New York is 42,579 copies. A pretty woman is like a great truth or a great happiness, and has no more right to bundle herself under a green veil or any similar abomination, than the sun

has to put on green spectacles. The distress at the Five Points in New York is said to be dreadful. One thousand loaves of bread are said to be

that wretched locality. Mr. Perkins, an American gentleman it is said, has proposed to supply the British government, with a steam gum, capable of threwing a ball of a ton weight a

distance of five miles. The prohibitory liquor lawhes passed the New Jersey House of Representatives, by a vote of 32 to 35.

Bea The Methodist book concern of Cincinnati, pay out nearly \$5,000 monthly for printing papers

To keep "posted"-rend the new